

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

That which is claimed is:

1. (canceled) A device comprising:

a container capable of holding and transporting contents having a built-in weighing device, where said container does not have to be suspended off the ground to determine it's weight.

2. (canceled) A device according to claim 1 in which said weighing device is electronic.

3. (canceled) A device according to claim 1 in which said weighing device includes at least one weight sensor.

4. (canceled) A device according to claim 3 in which said weight sensor(s) are located on the base or sides of the luggage device.

5. (canceled) A device according to claim 3 in which said weight sensor(s) are spaced sufficiently to provide the luggage device with ample balance and support, thus making the luggage device highly stable.

6. (canceled) A device according to claim 3 in which said weighing device can be activated when placed directly on the weight sensor(s).
7. (canceled) A device according to claim 3 in which said weight sensor(s) are used to synthesize and transmit data.
8. (canceled) A device according to claim 7 in which said data indicates the current weight of said container and its contents.
9. (canceled) A device according to claim 8 in which said data is transmitted from said weight sensor(s) to electronic circuitry capable of determining weight information from the weight sensor data, and capable of displaying the weight information on a display.
10. (canceled) A device according to claim 8 in which said data is transmitted from said weight sensor(s) through commonly known circuitry, capable of transporting data from the weight sensors to the electronic circuitry of the weighing device.
11. (canceled) A device according to claim 10 in which said multi-conductor cable is fastened within the lining of said container, and is not visible from outside of the container
12. (canceled) A device according to claim 9 in which said electronic circuitry is contained within a housing structure located on the container.

13. (canceled) A device according to claim 12 in which said housing structure contains a power source to provide electrical power to the electronic circuitry.

14. (canceled) A device according to claim 13 in which said housing structure can be accessed from the interior compartment of the body of the said container.

15. (canceled) A device according to claim 13 in which said housing structure can be accessed from the exterior of the body of the said container.

16. (canceled) A device according to claim 9 in which said electronic circuitry reads said data as the current weight or value of the said container.

17. (canceled) A device according to claim 9 in which said electronic circuitry calculates the net weight or value of contents in the said container by having subtracted the pre-stored weight of the empty container from the total measured weight.

18. (canceled) A device according to claim 16 in which said electronic circuitry is connected to a display screen located on the container.

19. (canceled) A device according to claim 18 in which said electronic circuitry displays the current weight or value of the said container on the display screen.

20. (canceled) A device according to claim 19 in which said display screen automatically turns off after a period of time.

21. (canceled) A device according to claim 19 in which said display screen can be turned off manually by a user.

22. (canceled) A device according to claim 18 in which said electronic circuitry is connected to a switch, which when activated, can activate a light on said display screen.

23. (canceled) A device according to claim 16 in which said electronic circuitry is connected to a switch, which when activated, can toggle the readout between pounds, kilograms, or other equivalent weight measurement units on a connected display screen.

24. (canceled) A device according to claim 3 in which said container is comprised of a main body having a long side and at least one short side; a pair of wheels, a retractable handle assembly, and a plurality of zippers providing access to various compartments of the container.

25. (canceled) A device according to claim 24 in which said wheels are strategically fastened in a retracted position to not interfere with the weight sensor(s) of the container.

26. (canceled) A device according to claim 24 in which said wheels are strategically fastened in a retracted position to only touch the ground when the container is tilted on it's side.

27. (canceled) The device of claim 1 wherein the container is a piece of luggage.

28. (canceled) The device of claim 1 wherein the container is a shipping container.

29. (canceled) The self-weighing device of claim 28 comprising:

- a) at least one weight sensor for creating a data signal indicating weight of the container, contents, and the weighing device,
- b) a display screen capable of displaying an indication of weight to a user,
- c) system electronics for receiving the data signal from the sensor(s), for converting the signal to an equivalent indication of weight, and for displaying the indication of weight on the display screen when activated.

30. (canceled) A device according to claim 29 in which said container may be either reusable or disposable.

31. (canceled) The device of claim 13, wherein the power source is at least one of the group consisting of: batteries, power capacitor, inductively coupled power source.

32. (canceled) The device of claim 3 wherein the sensors are retractable such that they can be active when not retracted and can be inactive when retracted.

33. (new) A device comprising:

a luggage capable of holding and transporting contents having at least one built-in electronic, self-weighing device.

34. (new) The electronic, self-weighing luggage device of claim 33 comprising:

- a) at least one weight sensor for creating a data signal which includes a current weight of the luggage with contents;
- b) a display mechanism capable of displaying an indication of the current weight to a user; and
- c) system electronics for receiving the data signal from at least one weight sensor that converts the data signal into an indication of weight and for displays the indication of weight on the display mechanism when activated.

35. (new) The device of claim 33, wherein the weighing device includes at least one weight sensor which is capable of determining the weight of the luggage.

36. (new) The device of claim 33 wherein the luggage device is a shipping container.

37. (new) The device of claim 33 wherein the weighing device can be activated by a user.

38. (new) The device of claim 33 in which the luggage is comprised of a main body having a long side and at least one short side; a pair of wheels, a retractable handle assembly, and a plurality of zippers providing access to various compartments of the luggage.
39. (new) The device of claim 38 in which the wheels are strategically fastened in a retracted position to not interfere with at least one weight sensor of the luggage.
40. (new) The device of claim 38 in which the wheels are strategically fastened in a retracted position to only touch the ground when the luggage device is tilted on its side.
41. (new) The device of claim 34, wherein at least one weight sensor is located about a selected one of a base, feet, sides, handle, interior compartment or top of the luggage.
42. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the system electronics are connected to a power source, which can provide electrical power to the electronic circuitry.
43. (new) The device of claim 42, wherein the power source comprising: at least one battery, power capacitor and inductively coupled power source.
44. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the display mechanism automatically turns off after a period of time.
45. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the display mechanism can be turned on or off manually by a user.

46. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the display mechanism contains a light which can be activated by a user.

47. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the system electronics can convert the readout value on the display mechanism between pounds, kilograms, and other values.

48. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein at least one weight sensor is retractable such that it can be active when not retracted and can be inactive when retracted.

49. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the display indicator is an audio output device located about the luggage device.

50. (new) The method of measuring and indicating a weight of luggage and contents with a self-contained, electronic weighing device comprising:

creating a signal from at least one weight sensor;

receiving the signal from the at least one weight sensor by system electronics;

converting the signal by the system electronics into an equivalent indication of weight; and

displaying the indication of weight on a display.

51. (new) The method according to claim 50 wherein the weighing device can be activated by a user and the weight will show on the display.

52. (new) A method according to claim 50 wherein at least one weight sensor is used to synthesize and transmit data.

53. (new) A method according to claim 50 wherein the data is outputted from at least one weight sensor to system electronics located about the luggage device.

54. (new) A method according to claim 50 wherein the display is activated by a user and automatically turns off after a period of time.

55. (new) A method according to claim 50 wherein the system electronics can convert the signal between pounds and kilograms and output the values to the display.

56. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein the at least one weight sensor is retractable such that it can be active when not retracted and can be inactive when retracted.

57. (new) A method according to claim 50 wherein the display receives and displays multiple kinds of data from the system electronics.

58. (new) A method according to claim 50 wherein the electronic weighing device indicates the luggage's weight to a user through audio means.